

about chain saws for the logging industry. The chain saw shall be fueled at least 20 feet from any open flame; the chain-saw operator shall be certain of footing before starting to cut; prior to felling any tree, the chain-saw operator shall clear away brush or other potential obstacles which might interfere with cutting the tree; the chain saw shall be carried in a manner that will prevent operator contact with the cutting chain. Mr. Speaker, Federal regulators should use common sense, not regulate common sense. If American taxpayer's hard-earned money is going to pay for someone to write rules like these, then I know where the budget chain saw should be put to use next.

MALICE: SAYING NO TO A DECENT LUNCH FOR CHILDREN

(Mr. GUTIERREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues talk about a "second Reagan Revolution."

Well, they are right—when it comes to providing decent food and nutrition to the children of America.

In the mid-1980's, millions of children suffered because the Federal Government cut funding for the school lunch program.

Now, today, to pay for more defense spending and tax giveaways to the rich contributors to the Republican Party, we are going to let kids go hungry again.

Maybe what we need is a revolution that reaches back a little farther in Republican Party history.

In 1865, facing an enemy far more dangerous than our Nation's school children, our greatest President—a Republican President—stated that we would heal our Nation's wounds "with malice toward none, with charity for all."

I say to my colleagues in the majority—saying no to a decent lunch for our Nation's children is malice, pure and simple.

With malice toward none, with charity for all.

How empty and distant those words seem to the party of Abraham Lincoln today.

THE TOP 10 LIST

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, from the home office in Scottsdale, AZ, the top 10 excuses liberal Democrats have for not voting for the balanced budget amendment.

No. 10, we might really have to slow spending.

No. 9, the dog ate my homework.

No. 8, fiscal responsibility phobia.

No. 7, the devil made me do it.

No. 6, if so many of the American people want it, it cannot be any good.

No. 5, contract-envy.

No. 4, it wasn't me, it was a space alien with a remarkable resemblance to me.

No. 3, I did what?

No. 2, let's feed big government bureaucrats instead of little school children.

And the No. 1 excuse liberal Democrats have for not voting for the balanced budget amendment, they want early retirement in the next election.

CONGRESS SHOULD PUT AMERICAN INTERESTS FIRST

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, while one House committee voted to forgive a \$50 million loan for Jordan, another House committee voted to kill hundreds of thousands of American youth jobs in our communities, kill the home-ownership counseling program that saves the family home and saves taxpayers \$35,000 on every foreclosure. They also voted to kill all veterans' outpatient clinics that treats millions of American veterans.

Now think about it. Fifty-three billion dollars for Mexico but pink slips for American youth. Twelve billion dollars for Russia, but, ladies and gentlemen, mortgage foreclosure for American families. Fifty million dollars for Jordan, but cuts in health care for American veterans.

Think about it. No wonder America's bankrupt. Congress is either brain-dead or they're starting to drink some of that Boris vodka.

I say, ladies and gentlemen, take care of our own people before you take care of everybody all around the world. Beam me up on these cuts.

SUPPORT THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

(Mr. LATOURETTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, it is no coincidence that the work and far-reaching goals of the 104th Congress are being compared to that of the Congress of 1933. Not since that time has Congress accomplished so much in so little time, when Franklin Delano Roosevelt presided over our Nation and steered the Congress to pass a bold new agenda called the New Deal, much of it during the first 100 days of his administration.

As we compare what happened then to what is taking place on the floor of this great House now, I am reminded of the prophetic words of FDR when he said, "It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another, but above all, try something."

"Above all, try something." Those four simple words cut right to the heart of the objectives of this Congress, the Contract With America, and in particular the balanced budget amendment. Only what we are proposing is to try something that works, something done by almost every State in the Union not to mention households and business.

For far too long, the U.S. Congress has been trying a method of balancing the budget which, quite simply, is a resounding failure.

Today the other body has an opportunity to do something magnificent for the future of this country, to do as FDR said, admit frankly that what we have tried in the past has failed and to try something new.

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REPUBLICAN CONTRACT FAILS TO ADDRESS NATION'S CORE CHALLENGE

(Mr. KLINK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, it is time we talk about this so-called Contract on America. Income has not increased as a result of this contract. Not one single job has been created because of this contract. No family in America is more secure as a result of the progress made on the Republican contract. The quality of life has not been improved for hardworking middle-class Americans because of this contract.

The bottom line is the contract has no meaningful impact on the lives of average Americans. The Republican contract fails to address our Nation's core challenge and that is raising our standard of living as a people.

In western Pennsylvania, cities like Beaver Falls, Aliquippa, and New Castle have up to 25 percent of their households living in poverty. Yet the contract will whack people on Social Security, whack Medicare, whack school lunches. This truly is a Contract on America, Mr. Speaker.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BAN AMERICAN FLAG DESECRATION

(Mr. QUINN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join many of our colleague here in the House in support of a constitutional amendment to ban the desecration of the American flag.

Mr. Speaker, I just left an announcement on the left side of the Capitol with a group of Members, House Members, Senate Members, Republicans and Democrats, and hundreds of thousands of veterans from all over the country who are in support of this amendment.